

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for lighting a wearable item, comprising: a lighting arrangement made up of a flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire, a flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire attaching means, a power source, a control driver, and a connecting wire, said flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire having an electrode covered by an electrically insulating dielectric layer, said dielectric layer being surrounded by an electroluminophor layer, said electroluminophor layer being surrounded by a thin transparent electrode, said thin transparent electrode being covered by a barrier layer consisting of a transparent viscous substance, and said barrier layer being surrounded by a transparent flexible polymer, said control driver ~~comprising~~ having a switch to turn the flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire on and off, and a circuit means, said connecting wire connecting the control driver and power source to the flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire, thereby allowing for electrical current from the power source to reach the flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire, said lighting arrangement being attached to the item, said item having an outer portion and a plurality of seams, wherein the flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire is attached to the outer portion of the item with the flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire attaching means.

2. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the circuit means further comprises a function interface including means for causing the flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire to switch on and off intermittently in a random or a predetermined



pattern.

3. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the control driver further comprises a time-out switch, wherein the current is terminated after a set period of time by the operation of the time-out switch, thereby conserving both the power source 9 and the life of the flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire.

4. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire attaching means is selected from the group consisting of glue, ~~tape~~, cloth or non-abrasive staples, and stitching.

5. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the power source is a DC power supply, and the circuit means includes means for converting DC current supplied by the power supply to an AC current and supplying the AC current to the flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire.

6. (previously present) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the power source is a dry cell battery.

7. (previously present) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the power source is a rechargeable battery.

8. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire is attached to the item along the item's seams ~~seams~~.

9. (previously present) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the item is a backpack.

10. (previously present) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the item is a waist pack.

11. (previously present) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the item is an article of clothing.

12. (previously present) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein in the article of clothing is a



jacket.

13. (currently amended) A method for lighting a wearable item, comprising: a lighting arrangement made up of a flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire, a flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire attaching means, a power source, a control driver, and a connecting wire, said flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire having an electrode covered by an electrically insulating dielectric layer, said dielectric layer being surrounded by an electroluminophor layer, said electroluminophor layer being surrounded by a thin transparent electrode, said thin transparent electrode being covered by a barrier layer consisting of a transparent viscous substance, and said barrier layer being surrounded by a transparent flexible polymer, said control driver ~~comprising~~ having a switch to turn the flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire on and off, and a circuit means; said connecting wire connecting the control driver and power source to the flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire, thereby allowing for electrical current from the power source to reach the flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire, said lighting arrangement being attached to the item, said item having an outer portion and a plurality of seams, wherein the flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire is attached to the outer portion of the item with the flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire attaching means.

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the circuit means further comprises a function interface including means for causing the flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire to switch on and off intermittently in a random or a predetermined pattern.

15. (currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the control driver further comprises a time-out switch, wherein the current is terminated after a set period of time by the



operation of the time-out switch, thereby conserving both the power source 9 and the life of the flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire.

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire attaching means is selected from the group consisting of glue, ~~tape~~, cloth or non-abrasive staples, and stitching.

17. (currently amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the power source is a DC power supply, and the circuit means includes means for converting DC current supplied by the power supply to an AC current and supplying the AC current to the flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire.

18. (previously present) The method of claim 16, wherein the power source is a dry cell battery.

19. (previously present) The method of claim 16, wherein the power source is a rechargeable battery.

20. (currently amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the flexible cable-like electroluminescent wire is attached to the item along the item's seams.

21. (previously present) The method of claim 16, wherein the item is a backpack.

22. (previously present) The method of claim 16, wherein the item is a waist pack.

23. (previously present) The method of claim 16, wherein the item is an article of clothing.

24. (previously present) The method of claim 23, wherein in the article of clothing is a jacket.